



Press Release

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The Lake County Sheriff's Office is investigating a number of burglaries that have occurred in Perry Township over the past few days.

As indicated in a previous press release, on Saturday the 13th a resident on Maine Avenue in Perry Township found that forced entry was made into their residence through a rear door. The suspect(s) entered the residence through the garage, and then into the residence. Among items stolen were a wedding ring and a flat panel television set. This occurred while the resident left their home for only a few hours. Further investigation has found that it appears the burglar(s) left the residence from the rear, crossed the railroad tracks, and got into a vehicle on Sheppard Road to enable escape from the area. This occurred during the daytime, between 11am and 1:30pm

Yesterday, Monday the 15th, a resident on South Ridge Road in Perry Township reported that they had left their home at about 8:30 am. When they returned only an hour later at 9:30am they found someone had entered their home, stole electronic equipment and jewelry, and quickly exited the residence.

Following this investigation the Deputies took a report from another person on South Ridge Road who stated she was in her home at about 6am and heard someone in the kitchen area. When she moved toward the kitchen she found things moved around and out of place, and the door to the residence ajar. However, it appears she startled the intruder who left the home without any items.

Information obtained during these investigations indicates that people have seen a silver or older grey model year compact vehicle parked, or disabled with the flashers on. This vehicle may have no relation to these burglaries, but it could be that burglars are waiting in the area and watching for people to leave their residences, and then break-in to steal.

The Sheriff's Office is investigating these recent burglaries in Perry Township, but we encourage all residents to be vigilant, and report any suspicious persons or vehicles in the area of Perry Township immediately. These burglaries it appears are done on the spur of the moment as burglars see people leave their residences, and they quickly enter what they believe is an unoccupied home, steal electronics and jewelry, and then quickly exit the area.

The most common threat to our home is burglary. Burglary occurs somewhere in the United States every 15.4 seconds. Many of home and apartment burglaries occur during the daytime when most people are away at work or school. Although home burglaries may seem random in occurrence, they actually involve a selection process. Most often burglaries are committed by young males under 25 looking for items that are small, expensive, and can easily be converted to cash such as cash, jewelry, guns, watches, laptop computers, CDs and other small electronic devices. Visit the Lake County Sheriff's Office website at:

<http://www.lakecountyohio.gov/LakeCountyOhioSheriffHomeSecurity/tabid/1346/Default.aspx>

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